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Title: PROCESS FOR PURIFYING FLUOROMETHYL 1,1,1,3,3,3-HEXAFLUOROISOPROPYL ETHER

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3, and 8-11 as follows:

(A copy of the marked-up version of amended claim(s) is attached to this Amendment.)

1. (amended) A process for purifying fluoromethyl 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoroisopropyl ether, comprising:
causing fluoromethyl 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoroisopropyl ether containing not greater than about 0.25% by weight of at least 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoroisopropyl alcohol, to contact with a basic aqueous solution which contains a basic substance in an amount providing a chemical equivalent ratio of said basic substance to 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoroisopropyl alcohol being within a range of not less than 1 so as